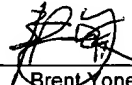




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Sir:

Following is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed 5 February 2004. A Notice of Appeal and the requisite appeal fee accompany this response. As this response is being filed on November 19, 2004, Applicants submit it is a timely filed response. While Applicants believe that no further fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due as a result of filing this amendment, including additional claims fees not already paid for, or other fees that have not been separately paid, to Deposit Account 50-2319 (Order No. 463037-219 [A-68718-3/RMS/RMK/JML]).